IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of manufacturing a circular optical storage disc, comprising:

providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery; and

providing a coating on the first surface by applying a liquid, rotating the substrate, and solidifying the liquid; and

wherein:

when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the substrate is present in a separate extension body;

the extension body having substantially circumferential contact with the periphery of the substrate;

the extension body having a surface substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate, wherein said extension body further comprises at least two parts; and

after substantial solidification of the liquid, the extension body and the substrate are separated.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said extension body has an outer periphery which has a circular shape.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said extension body has an outer periphery which has a polygonal shape.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said extension body has an outer periphery which has a regular polygonal shape.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the surface of the extension body consists of substantially the same material as the substrate of the optical storage disc.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the surface of the

extension body consists of a material to which the coating adheres relatively poorly.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said ~~extension body is composed of~~ at least two parts ~~with~~ have surfaces substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the liquid is solidified by exposure to UV light.

Claims 9-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein the substantial solidification being sufficient so that coating breaks off at the periphery of the substrate.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein the substantial solidification being sufficient so that the separation releases coating from the extension body.

Claim 17 (new): The method of Claim 1, wherein the at least two parts of said extension body are congruent.

Claim 18 (new): The method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein a number sides for the at least two sides used to form said polygonal shape is equal to half of the sides within said polygonal shape.

Claim 19 (new): The method as claimed in Claim 18, wherein each of said number of sides is congruent.